

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An impact tool, comprising:
 - a shaft;
 - a stop on said shaft;
 - a slider movable on said shaft for striking said stop to create an impact force; and
 - a handle on said slider to allow a user to move said slider;

said handle comprising two legs extending from said slider and a central section between said legs; and

wherein said handle moves relative to said slider when said slider strikes said stop to isolate said handle from said impact force.
2. (original) The impact tool as recited in claim 1, wherein said handle is movably attached to said slider.
3. (original) The impact tool as recited in claim 2, wherein said handle is rotatably attached to said slider.
4. (cancelled)

5. (original) The impact tool as recited in claim 1, wherein the user can grasp said handle with the wrist in the normal position.

6. (previously presented) The impact tool as recited in claim 5, wherein said handle includes a gripping section located a distance away from said slider.

7. (original) The impact tool as recited in claim 6, wherein said slider moves along said shaft in a direction, and said gripping section extends transverse to said direction.

8. (currently amended) An impact tool, comprising:

a shaft;

a stop on said shaft;

a slider movable on said shaft for striking said stop to create an impact force, said slider having a first end and a second end;

a handle movably attached to said slider to allow a user to move said slider and said handle being moveable relative to said slider from a first position in proximity to said first end to a second position in proximity to said second end when said slider strikes said stop.

9. (original) The impact tool as recited in claim 8, wherein said handle is rotatably attached to said slider.

10. (original) The impact tool as recited in claim 8, wherein said handle comprises two legs extending from said slider and a gripping section located between said legs.

11. (original) The impact tool as recited in claim 8, wherein the user can grasp said handle with the wrist in a normal position.

12. (original) The impact tool as recited in claim 11, wherein said handle includes a gripping section located a distance away from said slider.

13. (original) The impact tool as recited in claim 12, wherein said slider moves along said shaft in a direction, and said gripping means extends transverse to said direction.

14. (currently amended) A slider for an impact tool, comprising:

a sleeve; and

a handle movably attached to said sleeve to allow a user to move said slider;

wherein said handle moves relative to said slider in a direction parallel to a longitudinal axis of said sleeve when said slider strikes a stop on said impact tool to isolate said handle from a force created by said slider striking said stop.

15. (original) The slider as recited in claim 14, wherein said handle is rotatably attached to said sleeve.

16. (original) The slider as recited in claim 14, wherein said handle comprises two legs extending from said sleeve and a central section between said legs.

17. (original) The slider as recited in claim 14, wherein the user can grasp said handle with the wrist in a normal position.

18. (original) The slider as recited in claim 14, wherein said handle includes a gripping section located a distance away from said slider.

19. (previously presented) The slider as recited in claim 18, wherein said impact tool has a shaft, said slider is adapted to move along said shaft in a direction, and said gripping section extends transverse to said direction.

20. (currently amended) An ergonomic tool, comprising

a shaft;

a stop on said shaft;

a slider movable on said shaft for striking said stop to create an impact force, said slider having a first end and a second end and a longitudinal axis;

a handle on said slider to allow a user to move said slider;

wherein said handle moves relative to said slider along an axis parallel to said longitudinal axis as the user moves said slider towards and away from said stop.

21. (previously presented) The tool as recited in claim 20, wherein said handle is movably attached to said slider.

22. (previously presented) The tool as recited in claim 20, wherein said handle is rotatably attached to said slider.

23. (previously presented) The tool as recited in claim 20, wherein said handle comprises two legs extending from said slider and a central section between said legs.

24. (previously presented) The tool as recited in claim 20, wherein the user can grasp said handle with the wrist in a normal position.

25. (previously presented) The tool as recited in claim 24, wherein said handle includes a gripping section located a distance away from said slider.

26. (previously presented) The tool as recited in claim 25, wherein said slider moves along said shaft in a direction, and said gripping section extends transverse to said direction.